के रूप में विनिर्दिष्ट कर दिया गया है ।

(ख) जी, हां ।

(ग) कोल्टा जनजाति को उत्तर प्रदेश की अनुसूचित जनजाति की सूची में शामिल करने का एक प्रस्ताव है जिस पर अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति की सूचियों में प्रस्तावित व्यापक संशोधन के संदर्भ में विचार किया जा रहा है ।

Locust menace

1523. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Rajasthan and Gujarat are facing locust menace, if so, the details of area currently affected and likely to be affected;

(b) whether this menace is likely to spread in adjoining State of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra;

(c) what are the efforts made by Government to curb this menace; and

(d) whether any damage with crops have been done, if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir. Locust swarms have entered Jaisalmer, Barmer, Jodhpur and Jalore districts in Rajasthan and Banaskantha & Kutch districts in Gujarat.

(b) Adequate control operations are being carried out in the scheduled desert areas of Rajasthan and Gujarat to ensure that locust swarms do not spread to adjoining States.

(c) Following efforts are made by the Government to curb this menace :

(1) Deployment of ground control teams for monitoring the locust activity and for undertaking control operations in the locust infested areas.

(2) Providing plant protection equipment and pesticides to the village level committees/farmers in the locust infested areas for controlling locust.

(3) Mobilisation of additional manpower, equipment, vehicles and pesticides.

(4) Deployment of air-craft and Helicopters for aerial application of pesticides.

(5) Strengthening/mobilising the State machinery for better coordination of locust control operations.

(6) Strengthening of survey and communication net-work.

(7) Collection and collation of information about locust activity in the other locust prone countries through Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO).

(8) Guidance to the neighbouring States adjoining to the scheduled desert area to be in readiness for controlling any locust incursion.

(d) So far there has been no report about the damage to crops.

Production of cashew in the country

@1524. SHRI SOM PAL :
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY :
Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any programme being launched by Government for increasing the production and productivity of cashew in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the current status of production and productivity of cashew in India;

(d) what is the total installed capacity of cashew processing units in the country and how much of it is being utilised; and

(e) what are the details of the raw and processed cashew imported and exported by India during the past three years in the terms of quantity and value ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM) : (a) and (b) For increasing production and productivity of cashewnut in the country, under the Central Sector Programme for Integrated Development of Cashewnut in India, measures viz.; (i) area expansion with clonal planting material; (ii) improvement of cashew by vegetative propogation and maintenance of scion banks; (iii) adoption of intensive pest control measures; and (iv) pilot demonstrations for clonal cultivation, were implemented during 1992-93. The programme is proposed to be continued with some modifications during remaining period of the VIII Plan.

(c) As per rough estimates, the production and productivity of raw cashewnuts in the country during 1992-93 were 3.49 lakh tonnes and